IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

OCT 19 2010

Applicant(s):

Richard Richley et al.

Application No. 10/518,423

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For:

DEVICES AND METHODS FOR MINIMALLY INVASIVE TREATMENT OF DEGENERATED SPINAL DISCS

Examiner:

Alvin J. Stewart

Attorney Docket No. TDYNE-305

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a) AND §1.17

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A three-month extension in the time for response to the Office Action dated April 19, 2010, i.e., to and including October 19, 2010, is respectfully requested.

There is submitted herewith the following:

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES, together with an authorization to charge our Deposit Account for the required appeal fee

Please charge the required fee of \$555.00 for a three-month extension of time to our Deposit Account No. 15-0508.

Kindly charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment concerning this matter to our Deposit Account No. 15-0508.

Respectfully submitted,

October 19, 2010

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CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a) AND §1.17 is being transmitted by facsimile transmission to Fax No. 571-273-8300 on October 19, 2010.

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